

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Keith "Doc" Fitzpatrick is a native of North Sioux City, South Dakota, and a decorated Navy Veteran of World War II; and,

**WHEREAS**, Doc began his athletic training career with the Sioux City Sioux's baseball team from 1947-1950, and later graduated from the University of Iowa Physical Therapy School in 1954; and,

**WHEREAS**, Doc has been a resident of Mitchell, South Dakota, since 1955, and has dedicated hours of his life providing expert athletic training and physical therapy to area youth at the high school and college levels; and,

**WHEREAS**, Doc continues to work full-time as head physical therapist at Avera St. Benedict's in Parkston, as well as assistant to the head athletic trainer at Mitchell High School; and,

**WHEREAS**, Doc also continues to make frequent, long road trips with the Mitchell High School athletic teams and has no intention of retiring; and,

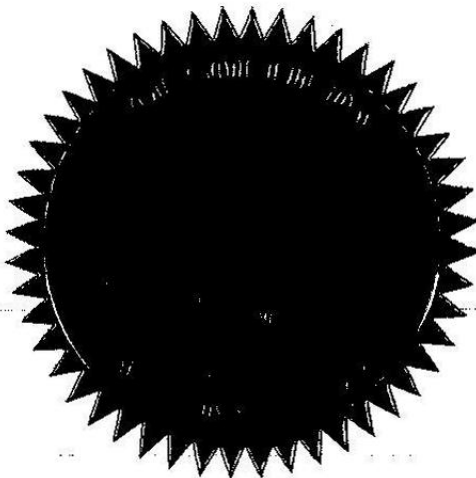
**WHEREAS**, A scholarship fund established last year in Doc's name through the Mitchell Community Scholarship Fund provided money for higher education to all Mitchell youth who applied from both Mitchell High School and Mitchell Christian; and,

**WHEREAS**, Doc is a member of the South Dakota Physical Therapy Hall of Fame, the South Dakota Athletic Trainer's Hall of Fame, and the Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainer's Hall of Fame:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2003, as

### **KEITH "DOC" FITZPATRICK DAY**


in South Dakota, and I join his friends and colleagues in honoring and wishing him good health and happiness.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State